

Addictive & Mental Disorders Division (AMDD)
Montana's Action Plan for Co-Occurring Disorders
Monthly Status Report – February 2007

Co-Occurring Policy Team

- Two Policy Team members resigned – Polly Peterson, Montana State Hospital and Jeff Harrison, Department of Public Health & Human Services. We wish them both the very best in their new endeavors; and
- The next scheduled meeting is March 28, 2007 in Helena.

Training/Presentations

- Marcia presented Strength Based Case Management training on February 5th to White Sky Hope. Six therapists and one case manager with the alcohol and drug program in Havre attended the training.
- The second monthly case clinical review with Ken Minkoff was held on February 26th with the Great Falls PACT team.
- The next conference call is scheduled for March 15th

COST (Co-Occurring Strategic Team)

- Scott & Deb will begin their site reviews in April with the Great Falls community;
- Coordinated the monthly case consultation calls with Ken Minkoff;
- Jeff Harrison participated with members to discuss Pay for Performance contracts;
- Continued discussion on how to integrate new Change Agents into system; and
- COST is evaluating system, provider and administrative issues which need to be addressed to assure screening policies are implemented and results are reported.

Change Agent/Active Work Group Reports:

Media & Communications Work Group

- Deb Sanchez developed and presented to AMDD staff the final COD 101 power point.

Data Work Group

- The work group held a meeting on December 12th with team leader Jeff Harrison. The work group is looking at identifying and collecting baselines as a means to assess changes resulting from an implementation of the co-occurring initiative.

Program Licensing

- Montana Policy Team Members and Change Agents will review and provide comments regarding the draft Co-occurring Capable Endorsement Guideline to Lou Thompson and Scott Boyles by February 9th.
- The Program Licensing Workgroup held a conference call meeting on February 14th. The group worked on developing language for the guidelines that is specific to either licensed mental health centers or state approved chemical dependency providers as an alternative to uniform language that would be applied to all programs. The documents will be submitted to the Policy Team for review and comment in March.

Regional/Local Change Agents

- Gallatin/Park County held a meeting on February 2nd to discuss next steps for their training plan. Team member will research agencies for presentation and needs. The group will invite both the Mental Health & Chemical Dependency Officers to the next meeting scheduled for March 2nd.
- Central Region held a conference call with Gateway in participants in Great Falls, Bozeman and Livingston. Issues discussed were updates on training, implementation of welcoming and screening policy and the use of CODCAT. The group also included discussion on improvement of interagency collaboration and treatment improvement.

DBT Steering Committee Overview

- Eight programs participated on the conference call held on January 31st. The programs included Great Falls, Bozeman, Billings, MCDC, Butte, Missoula, Billings Clinic and Livingston. Deb reported the Center for Mental Health in Great Falls is planning a 5-day DBT training in May. A 1-day meeting to work on DBT sustainability plan and to provide consultation is planned for the spring. Please contact Deb Sanchez at dsanchez@mt.gov or at 406-444-2706.